Effects of customs duty reduction on finished medicines

2049. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 715 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the names of units which are producing price controlled drugs from intermediates whose customs duty was reduced and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) whether his Ministry has sent directions to BICP to conduct cost study based on the reduced prices of intermediates;

(c) if so, when and what action has been taken;

(d) by when the prices of bulk drugs based on reduced customs duty would be fixed; and

(e) by when the consumer will get the benefit of duty reduction on the finished medicines?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) Customs duty on 16 drugs intermediates required for the production of 10 bulk drugs which are presently price controlled under the Drugs (Prices Control), 1987 was reduced on 20th March, 1990. The proposals for reduction in prices connected to reduction in Customs duty are already under examination in consultation with the BICP. The revised prices would be announced shortly. Details of production from the intermediate stage are not available separately.

Reasons for decline in the production of bulk drugs

2050. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 635 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for decline in the production of bulk drugs;

(b) what is the price of non-scheduled bulk drugs intimated to his Ministry as required under DPCO, 1987 and what was the price of each before the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of non-scheduled medicines based on these drugs have gone up between 50 per cent to 200 per cent under DPCO, 1987;

(d) if so, the names of those medicines, the earlier price and present price based on the information submitted to his Ministry; and

(e) what are the names of drugs out of the 29 drugs being produced from imported intermediates and since when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Decline in production of drugs as listed in Annexure to reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 635 can be attributed to several factors including introduction of more potent drugs, drug obsolescence and corporate plans of the companies producing the drugs.

(b) to (d) Details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) These details are not monitored by this Ministry. However, most of the drugs in question are produced from basic stages.